Mr. George Panikulam *(Irinjalakkuda):* Has not the Madras Government recognised that the Y. M. C. A. qualification is a better one.

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* Yes. The other qualification has been superseded.

Mr. George Panikulam *(Irinjalakkuda):* Is the difference in grade adopted in British?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* It is very doubtful whether people with the old qualification are still in service.

Mr. P. P. Devassy *(Trichur-South):* What is the total number of drill masters ?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* It will be below 50.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know whether all these schools have got drill masters ?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* All the High Schools and some lower Secondary Schools have got drill masters.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Is there a drill master in the Vadakkancheri High School for the last one year?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* Yes.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* Who is that please?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* I want notice if the Hon'ble Member wants the name of the individual. I cannot say that the man has not taken leave and another might have been appointed. Perhaps, there might have been breaks.

CASTE-WAR LIST OF OFFICERS IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

267. Mr. P. Narayana Menon *(Trippunithura):* Will Government be pleased to give a caste-war list of the officers in the Police Department above the rank of Head Constables?

Khan Sahib Y. M. Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police)* A listis given below.—

Nairs	14
Tamil Brahmins	5
Ezhuvas	8
Pulayas	nil
Other Hindus	3
Do. Backward or Depressed	1
Romo-Syrian	3
Latin Catholic	2
Other Christians	2
Muslims	4
Jews, Ango-Indians etc.	4
Total	46

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know whether the figures given here take in all the ranks above that of the Head Constables ?

Khan Sahib Y. M. Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):* Yes.

Mr. P. Narayana Menon *(Trippunithura):* In the answer it is stated "Jews, Anglo Indians, etc. 4". Of these four, how many are Jews, how many are Anglo Indians and how many are etcs?

Khan Sahib Y. M. Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):* It is not my classification. It is the recognised classification.

Mr. Shabdai S. Koder *(Nominated):* Is there a single jew in the Police Department above the grade of the Head Canstable?

Khan Sahib Y. M. Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):* No.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* May I know whether Romo-Syrians and Latin Christians are not under-represented in the Police force?

Khan Sahib Y. M. Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):* I cannot give an off-hand answer.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakancheri):* May I know whether this list is inclusive of officers who have been appointed prior to the introduction of the Staff Selection Board?

Khan Sahib Y. M. Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):* These figures show the position as it is at present.

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Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Are not some of them appointed before the introduction of the Staff Selection Board?

Khan Sahib Y. M. Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):* Yes.

Mr. K. S. Panicker *(Ezhuvas-Mukundapuram):* "Other Hindu, Backward or depressed]". May I know to wh ch community he belongs?

Khan Sahib Y. M. Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):* I am not sure.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know whether all these four do not belong to the Anglo Indian Community?

Khan Sahib Y. M. Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):* No. I think Europeans are also included under this, etc. The Reserve Inspector is a European.

BUS FARES—RATES OF

263. **Mr. P. Narayana Menon** *(Trippunithura):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the rates charged by the Service Bus Owners throughout the State are with the approval of the Government;

(*b*) if so, the principle followed by the Government in fixing such rates;

(*c*) are these rates uniform throughout the State;

(*d*) if not, why?

Khan Sahib Y. M. Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissiner of Police):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The fares prevalent on 27th Vrischigam 1118 were increased by 25 per cent considering the increased cost of maintaining the buses due to war conditions.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) It is not possible to have a uniform rate for all routes.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* May I know whether the Hon'ble Member for Police is not aware that in the Madras Presidency bus-fares have been fixed at uniform rates, distinction being made only between hills and plains?

Khan Sahib Y. M. Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):* There is no such thing in Madras.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS—NON OFFICIAL BILLS

The Hindu Widows' Re-marriage Bill

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ: ഈ ബില്ല് ഈ കൌൺസിലിൽ അവതരിപ്പിക്കുന്നപക്ഷം ചില സമുദായങ്ങളുടെയിടയിൽ വലിയ ക്ഷോഭമുണ്ടാക്കുന്നതും, ഈ കൌൺസിലിൽതന്നെ ഇതു് അവസാനിപ്പിക്കുവാൻ സാധിക്കാതെ വരുന്നതുമാകകൊണ്ടു് ഇതു് ഇപ്പോൾ ആലോചനക്കെടുക്കേണ്ടതില്ലെന്നാണ് എന്റെ അഭിപ്രായം.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* I second it.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* In view of the suggestion made by the Hon'ble Member for Mukundapuram Ezhuvas and the general trend that this House seems to adopt that this Bill cannot be got through during the life of this Council I am prepared to accept the suggestion that it may be adjourned.

The Prevention of Dowry Payment Bill—Mrs. K. Joshua

Mrs. K. Joshua *(Womens-Trichur):* Sir, I move that the Prevention of Dowry Payment Bill be read in Council.

Mrs. A. N. Menon *(Womens-Ernakulam):* I second it.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Sir, In view of the facts mentioned by my friend Mr. Panickar I move that this Bill may be postponed.

Mrs. K. Joshua *(Womens-Trichur):* I oppose it.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur):* I second it. May I give my reasons for seconding the motion for postponment?

Mr. President: The Hon'ble Member may speak on the Hon'ble Lady Member's motion that the Bill be read in Council. No body has seconded the motion of Mr. Iyyu.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur):* I have seconded it.

Mr. President: The Hon'ble Member was too late.

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